

## Progress on CHiPs

Please see the "Progress in 2023" note tabs under each program for 2023 updates. Additionally, each performance measure has 2023 updates.

## Significant or Notable Changes in Morbidity or Mortality

The following represent significant morbidity and mortality changes in our community.

- **Leading Causes of Death Table**
  - The change from 2020 to 2022 show an increase in Cancer deaths as it is still the leading cause of death.

Rank	Cause of Death	McDowell	
		# Deaths	Death Rate
1	Cancer	604	178.5
2	Diseases of Heart	524	158.5
3	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	234	66.3
4	All Other Unintentional Injuries	129	50.1
5	Cerebrovascular Disease	147	44.4
6	Alzheimer's disease	115	34.4
7	Diabetes Mellitus	88	27.1
8	Pneumonia and Influenza	68	20.4
9	COVID-19	64	18.5
10	Suicide	38	16.2
11	Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	44	14.3
12	Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome, and Nephrosis	39	11.9
13	Unintentional Motor Vehicle Injuries	25	10.6
14	Septicemia	35	10.1
15	Homicide	15	6.4
16	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	1	0.4
	All Causes (some not listed)	2,781	858.2

(Citation: North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics (NC SCHS). (2020). *Causes of Death*. [Data tables]. Available from <https://schs.dph.ncdhhs.gov/data/>.)

- **NC Opioid Dashboard**

OSUAP 3.0	Equity	How to Use	Strategies	Metrics	Actions	Local Equity	Compare	Action Grid
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### Comparing Metrics & Actions

Some may find use in comparing their metrics and local actions to peer places, or to larger areas like the state. Use the below metric and local actions tables to compare the status of two places.

To control the table, choose a **Place 1** (in bold) and a **Place 2** for comparison at right. The year is the most current year available. The data are presented as rates or percentages with counts in parenthesis. The quantile describes the relative rank of the **Place 1** within the same place type (e.g. counties, districts, etc.). Hovering over the status will give additional details about that data point.

Counties - McDowell		Place 1		
METRICS				
Strategy	Measure	Year	McDowell	NC
1) Track progress	Drug overdose deaths	2021	50.3 (n= 23)	38.5 (n= 4,041)
	Drug overdose ED visits	2022	231.7 (n= 106)	150.8 (n= 15,820)
2) Reduce Supply	Illicit opioid overdose deaths	2021	69.6 (n= 16)	78.3 (n= 3,166)
	Patients receiving opioid pills	2021	15.6 (n= 7,125)	12.9 (n= 1,355,132)
3) Families	Children in foster care due to parental substance use	2021	0.5 (n= 1)	45.7 (n= 6,700)
	Newborns affected by SU with POSC referral	2020	0.0 (n= 0)	3.7 (n= 4,471)
4) Harm Reduction	Acute Hepatitis C infections	2020	0.0 (n= 0)	1.0 (n= 101)
	Community naloxone reversals	2021	0.0 (n= 0)	39.6 (n= 4,154)
5) Non-medical health drivers	Calls for housing-related services	2021	1,086.2 (n= 497)	1,124.2 (n= 117,908)
	Unemployed individuals	2021	2.8 (n= 568)	3.2 (n= 160,670)
6) Justice-Involved Populations	Incarcerated individuals	2021	524.5 (n= 240)	282.5 (n= 29,629)
	Law Enforcement naloxone reversals	2021	0.0 (n= 0)	0.0 (n= 3)
7) Treatment & Recovery	Patients receiving buprenorphine	2021	1.1 (n= 488)	0.5 (n= 52,465)

	People served by treatment programs	2021	858.9 (n= 393)	463.7 (n= 48,637)
8A) Equity: AI/AN NH	Deaths (AI/AN)	2020	0.0 (n= 0)	83.6 (n= 104)
8B) Equity: Black NH	Deaths (Black)	2020	21.3 (n= 2)	26.7 (n= 627)
8C) Equity: Hispanic	Deaths (Hispanic)	2020	0.0 (n= 0)	10.7 (n= 113)
8D) Equity: Asian NH	Deaths (Asian)	2020	0.0 (n= 0)	4.6 (n= 17)
8E) Equity: White NH	Deaths (White NH)	2020	31.9 (n= 64)	36.1 (n= 2,424)

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## Emerging Issues Impacting Health

**These are the new or emerging issues in our community in 2023 that were not identified as priorities in our CHA.**

- Lack of free or affordable mental health care

## New, Paused, or Discontinued Initiatives, or, Activities

**The following are new initiatives or changes in our community in 2023:**

- The Sugar Shock Program was put on hold during a vacancy in the Health Educator position. This program will resume in the Fall of 2024.
- The Narcan education program is growing in participants and is increasing awareness in the community.

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